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Subj: MARINE CORPS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)

Ref: (a) Memorandum for the Record (MFR) of 19 Jul 99
(b) Navy and Marine Corps Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E), Navy Programming MOA of 29 Nov 95

1. Purpose. This Order supersedes reference (a) and sets forth the duties and responsibilities of Marine Corps organizations that participate in the Marine Corps S&T Program.

2. Background

a. In July 1999, a MFR was signed by Commander, MARCORSYSCOM and the CG, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab (MCWL) that documented the transfer of program management responsibility for the Marine Corps S&T Program to the Office of Naval Research (ONR). Reference (a) explains the intent of the transfer was to gain efficiencies, improve overall S&T effectiveness, and develop a more integrated approach for RDT&E funding within the Department of the Navy. The initial objectives of the transfer have been accomplished. Since the publication of the 19 July 1999 MFR, the Marine Corps S&T Program has grown in scope and funding. Based on the experience gained in three budget and two Program Objective Memorandum cycles, an expanded process is required to ensure that the Marine Corps S&T Program incorporates input from the advocates, reflects Marine Corps requirements, and is properly prioritized, organized, and executed.

b. Two initial agreements between the Chief of Naval Research (CNR) and the CMC remain in effect.

(1) Marine Corps S&T funds will continue to be separately identified from Navy funds and independently described in documentation.

(2) Reference (b) remains in effect.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

a. The CG MCCDC is responsible for the guidance and oversight of the Marine Corps RDT&E Program which includes the Marine Corps S&T Program. CG MCCDC ensures the coordination of the efforts of MCWL, MARCORSYSCOM, ONR, and HQMC General Staff to formulate and incorporate future Marine Corps capability requirements into the DON S&T Program.

b. CG MCCDC provides requirements guidance for the Marine Corps S&T Program; coordinates routinely with the Marine Corps Advocates to address issues, determine requirements, and prioritize programs; reviews and approves the Marine Corps S&T Program for forwarding to the Marine Requirements Oversight Council; conducts an annual assessment of the Marine Corps S&T Program to ensure technical quality, responsiveness to requirements, and timely transition of products; and initiates the Marine Corps S&T POM submission using the annual assessment as a baseline.

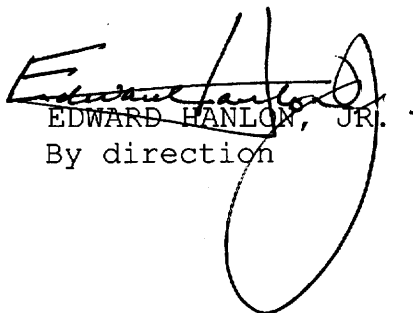
c. CG MCCDC exercises oversight responsibilities through CG MCWL and in coordination with CNR as follows:

(1) CG MCWL establishes and coordinates the Marine Corps S&T process, conducts technical and programmatic reviews of all Marine Corps S&T Programs under their cognizance, and proposes changes as necessary to CG MCCDC. CG MCWL also serves as the Vice Chief of Naval Research (VCNR). This Order does not affect nor interfere with those distinct executive responsibilities.

(2) The CNR is responsible for execution of the Naval S&T Program. VCNR supports CNR in this role, conducts technical and programmatic reviews of all Marine Corps S&T Programs under ONR cognizance, and proposes changes as necessary to the CG MCCDC. The ONR Naval Expeditionary Warfare S&T Department (ONR Code 35) supports the CNR and VCNR by providing day-to-day program oversight of Marine Corps Programs executed by ONR. Specifically, Code 35 manages the execution of the ONR portion of Marine Corps S&T and provides oversight of Blue in support of Green S&T at ONR.

4. Action. CG MCCDC will form an Integrated Process Team (IPT) to develop the S&T Program and process, identify S&T issues, recommend solutions to facilitate effective management, and track execution and transition of products. The IPT will be composed of representatives

from MCCDC (MCWL, WDID), Advocates, HQMC, ONR, MARCORSYSCOM, and OPNAV (N75, N091). The IPT will meet 30 days after the publication of this Order and subsequently at least on a semi-annual basis.


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